



Redding Rancheria Head Start & Child Care

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Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how the Redding Rancheria Child Care program plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Services/Subsidies

- We are a Tribally Operated Child Care Center and do not plan to offer subsidies.

2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

- PPE (masks, shields, gloves, eye protection, shoe covers)
- Additional Zono Ozone Cabinet for the Child Care staff room for sanitation purposes.
- Training opportunities for families and staff
- Construction to include expansion of our CCDF classroom for the purpose of social distancing and creating centers for learning to space the children out more. This would also allow for a separate sleeping space. We would also like to renovate our entrance and primary sidewalk into and out of the center for more distancing.
- We now check students in at the gate eliminate people coming in and out of the center. To support this practice, we need doorbell video technology placed throughout the center.
- Additional technology is needed for staff who at times are having to work from home on distance learning. When we are at the center we have space out our staff work areas and are in need of additional computers and printers and supplies.
- Removal of the carpet in staff office spaces and replace with easier to clean option.

- New easy to clean paint in high traffic areas.
- Increased air filtration system.
- Create a comfortable isolation area for sick staff or students.
- Purchase a new dishwasher.

3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

- As a tribally operated center we do not plan to offer grants or assistance at this time with funds.

4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

- Funds will be used to provide assistance to providers that are not currently participating in the subsidy system prior to the pandemic. We are currently brainstorming ways to do this such as looking at our Child Count in our service area and partnering with our Tribe, our education department and Shasta County Tribal TANF to find eligible participants to support. Some of our ideas include offering a Drive Thru where they can come to pick up needed PPE supplies, distance learning supplies, sanitation supplies and educational materials. We plan to use a survey to see what the needs may be. We have discussed using funds to send providers to trainings to support virus response education and mental health support. We would like more support and guidance and require technical assistance from OCC on how to appropriately distribute these funds in the coming months.

5. Other -Some of our ideas include:

- Hazard Pay/ or temporary incentive pay for staff.
- Hiring additional staff and substitute teaching staff as well as expenses to train them.
- Mental Health for staff, students and families.
- Behavioral support needs for students.
- Funds used to support staff wellness.
- Professional development opportunities for teachers and staff.
- Increase outdoor education opportunities and supplies.
- Possibility of using funds to have a Summer program to make up for all of the time lost while the center was closed and the students were out on distance learning.
- Support for special needs students who were especially impacted by the school closure which delayed assessments and services.
- Waive parent co-payments temporarily.
- Expand our family engagement efforts with incentives and activities.
- Distance Learning Supplies.
- Summer Learning Supplies.
- Cultural based education.

The Redding Rancheria Child Care is still in the planning process of determining how CCDF CRRSA funds will be spent. Some of these items would need to be approved by our Tribal Council.

The Redding Rancheria Child Care will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

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